



The TRD secretary shall establish by regulation other documents that may be accepted as a substitute for a social security number or an individual tax identification number.

Significant Issues

Some individuals in New Mexico believe it is a violation of their privacy to be forced to give a social security number to the Motor Vehicle Division in order to obtain a license. SB 201 will alleviate the need to do so.

One of the provisions of SB 201 is to allow individuals who not legally in this country to obtain a legal New Mexico government issued document. This may result in an individual who is not in compliance with US immigration laws to obtain a New Mexico document and perhaps travel the US and other states and exchange the New Mexico License for other documentation.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

TRD will need to promulgate regulations to establish what documents are acceptable as a substitute for a social security number or a tax identification number that will require staff time and associated costs.

Presumably there are individuals who have not applied for a driver's license because they are unwilling to provide a social security number or because they are not legally in this country. These applicants will provide an insignificant, but added revenue to the state by paying drivers license fees.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

TRD staff will have to promulgate and enact regulations.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

It is not clear whether the provisions of SB 201 conflict with INS statutes and other federal law.

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